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Speaking with the Republican Women of North Texas and other constituents at Cafe Express.

Dear friends, I hope that your summer is off to a good start. Welcome to our new monthly journal. In our journals, we will provide you with timely information, focused mainly on news and events relevant to our district and all Texans. We will be including state-wide activities, updates, resources, local events, and upcoming town hall events. We hope that you find these emails helpful – if so please share with your friends.

As always, if our office can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call or email - we would love to hear from you. Thank you again for allowing me the privilege to serve you in the Texas House.

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Update On Border Security

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The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has been entrusted by the Texas Legislature to protect and serve the people of Texas. An unsecure border with Mexico undermines both public safety and homeland security and the Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor have directed DPS to work with its local and federal partners to conduct continuous, sustained, saturation patrols on, above and along the Texas/Mexico border to combat escalating transnational crime.

At the direction of the leadership of Texas, DPS is enhancing border-wide operations by:

- Providing overtime funding to county and municipal agencies through Operation Stonegarden federal funds and local border security state funds.
- Deploying Trooper Strike Teams and Ranger Reconnaissance (Recon) Teams in specific areas posing the most significant threat.
- Bolstering aviation operations by increasing DPS aircraft patrols to

identify criminal and suspicious activity, and to support law enforcement ground units.

- Increasing maritime patrols using DPS shallow water interceptors equipped with automatic weapons to support the efforts by federal marine resources on the Rio Grande River and Intracoastal Waterways.
- Establishing overt and covert observation / intelligence gathering posts.
- Utilizing Operation Drawbridge to monitor and detect criminal activity occurring along the remote areas of the border typically exploited by drug and human traffickers.
- Conducting criminal enterprise investigations targeting Mexican Cartels, transnational gangs and human trafficking including the commercial sex trafficking of children from Mexico and Central America within the area of operation.

The immediate goal is to secure the border from transnational crime between the ports of entry. DPS will continue to monitor progress, and updates will follow.

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Constituent Resources

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TEXAS.GOV

Texas' official state website, Texas.gov, provides portal and payment services for over 50 Texas state agencies.

You can:

- Renew vehicle registrations
- Get birth, death, and marriage certificates
- Renew licenses for occupations, facilities, hunting, driving, and concealed handguns

Texas.gov's mobile app provides:

- Locations of government offices
- An engagement platform for asking questions and sharing information about state and local government

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WORK IN TEXAS

Texas Workforce Commission's online mobile service **Work in Texas** allows job seekers to search for jobs through multiple channels on one of Texas' largest job

databases. **Work in Texas** allows you to:

- Apply for jobs
- Maintain lists of pending applications
- View/manage job correspondence and alerts from WorkinTexas.com

This free service hosts approximately 135,000 active job listings, more than 500,000 registered users, and has filled more than 2 million jobs.

Flags & Resolutions

Our office can take care of any resolutions for awards and honors, as well as fly a flag over the Capitol in someone's honor. Call our office for details.



Pictured: Zac and Alex Alloy received a signed resolution from Rep. Capriglione in recognition of their Eagle Scout honors. Congratulations, Zac and Alex!

Support Texas Agriculture

- **Grapevine Farmers Market** is open, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., each Thursday, Friday and Saturday, through Oct. 18, at the Town Square Gazebo at 325 S. Main St. For information call 817-793-8634. Closed the week of major city events like Main Street Days, Grapefest, etc.
- **Keller Farmers Market** is open Saturdays, 8 a.m.- noon through October at Keller Town Hall. Offers the freshest produce, live music, chef demonstrations, or health and wellness presentations. Open rain or shine. Visit www.kellerfarmersmarket.com.
- **Colleyville Farmers Market** is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. and on Sundays 12-5 p.m. The Colleyville Farmers Market store is located at 5409 Colleyville Blvd. Check out fresh seasonal produce like: strawberries, spinach, and watermelon, to name a few.

District 98 Community Events In July

- **July 3. Southlake's Stars & Stripes.** Come out to Southlake Town Square for Southlake's annual Independence Day celebration. Gourmet food trucks, balloon artists, concessions, and activity booths open at 6 p.m. Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.
- **July 4. Trophy Club's 4th of July Independence Celebration.** Patriot 5k & Fun Run starts at 7 a.m., (register at runontexas.com) Parade of Patriots at 9:30 a.m., and Celebration and Fireworks from 6-10 p.m. at Independence Park East, 501 Parkview Drive.
- **July 4. Lake Grapevine's 32nd Annual July 4th Extravaganza.** Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m. and can be viewed from any lakeside location as well as several other spots throughout Grapevine. Admission is free at most viewing locations. Some parks along Lake Grapevine may charge a small admission fee.
- **July 19. Concerts in the Park** featuring popular Beatles tribute band *Me & My Monkey* in Bear Creek Park in Keller. Event is 8-10 p.m. and free admission.
- **July 19. Southlake Parks and Recreation's Movie in the Park.** Come out to North Park to enjoy *Despicable Me 2* shown on a big screen. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m.
- **July 23. Keller Town Hall's Music on the Patio** featuring Vocal Trash (think Stomp meets Glee) will play for July's free MasterWorks Series performance. Join us on the back patio of Keller Town Hall from 7-8 p.m.
- **July 25. Grapevine's Country Concert Blast** at the Vineyard Campground & Cabins 6-10 p.m. There will be live music from the Salt Creek Band, and vendors up until the fireworks start at 9:30 p.m. The event is free for campers and open to the public for \$5 per person.



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